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CENTER NEWS

WINTER TIME

Winter is the time for planning, browsing through all those seed catalogs, and making plans for spring. It's the time for taking part in all those classes and special lectures on dark, cool days. So, along with our own CUH events, don't forget the 1993 Northwest Flower and Garden Show-five days of seminars, demonstrations, exhibits, and garden viewing on February 11-15. The winter palette is full. Why not succumb to a little overindulgence?

GRADUATE STUDENTS

The Center has nine new graduate students who began their studies fall quarter (making a total of 18 graduate students). They are: Kevin Fetherston (Ph.D. student in urban wetlands); Catherine Houck, Bill Kleidl, Elizabeth Walker, Stacey Wenger (all M.S. students in urban ecology/wetlands); Joanna James (M.S. in plant materials/taxonomy); Dana Kelly (M.S.-urban pest management); Mignonne Partington (M.S.- public education); Diane Ryba (M.S.- urban interface).

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

The urban forestry undergraduate program now has five students. They are Melissa Lobdell, David Moore, Karen Riedlinger, Emily Sharp, and Katherine Van Pelt. Recruitment continues; interested persons should contact the Center for specific information about this exciting new option.

NEW DIRECTOR ANNOUNCED

Clement Hamilton, associate professor of horticultural taxonomy, has been named Director of the Center for Urban Horticulture. Dr. Hamilton joined the Center faculty in 1985. He is responsible for the development of the Otis Douglas Hyde Hortorium, several new academic courses involving the selection and use of plant materials, and research on plants in winter-rain regions around the world. He has been Acting Director since January.

FORMER DIRECTOR RETURNS

Dr. H. B. Tukey, Jr., founding director of CUH returned early this fall to his faculty position after a sabbatical during which he lectured at many universities, gardens, and horticultural meetings around the world. He was also recently appointed a vice president of the Royal Horticultural Society in London, England. He has also been appointed a member of the governing board of the National Arboretum in Washington, D.C.

COMPOST DEMONSTRATION PLANNED

The City of Seattle Solid Waste Utility has awarded a grant of $31,000 to Drs. Wott and Ewing for the construction of a "Public Demonstration Plot Regarding the Use of Seattle Solid Waste Compost". Graduate assistant Stephanie Allen will be evaluating the growth of plants in several mixtures, including Cedar Grove compost. The trial beds are being constructed just south of Merrill Hall at CUH, with planting expected in spring. Special signage and brochures will be produced and the public is invited to stop by and view the demonstration area. The residents of Seattle have always been leaders in recycling; now we need to discover how to best use these compost products.

NORTHWEST FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW

The Northwest Flower and Garden Show will be held from Thursday, February 11 - Monday, February 15. Hours will be 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., except for Monday when the show will close at 8 p.m. Almost 90,000 people attended the 1992 show, making it the third largest show in the U.S.! This year there will be over 100 educational seminars, featuring speakers from England, the eastern U.S., and the great Northwest. Admission to seminars will be by passes only (no extra charge) that can be obtained on show days. If you wish to attend a seminar we would advise picking up your tickets early in the day since seating is limited. The two rooms which seat 500 and 250 persons, are usually full! For more information, please contact the show office at 789-5333.

The Center for Urban Horticulture is committed to excellence in research, teaching and public service in urban horticulture.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 1993

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 **1 p.m. WPA** Sundays at One Tour ❀	4 **7:30 p.m.** Iris Society [?]	5	6	7	8	9
10 **1 p.m. WPA** Sundays at One Tour ❀	11 **6:30 p.m. CUH** American Society of Landescape Architects [?] **7 p.m. CUH** Orchid Society	12 **7 p.m. CUH** Puget Sound Mycological Society	13 **7:30 p.m. CUH*** Unusual Natives	14 **7 p.m. CUH** Rock Garden Society	15	16
17 **1 p.m. WPA** Sundays at One Tour ❀	18 **7 p.m. CUH*** Jardins de Normandie [?]	19	20	21 **9 a.m. CUH*** Choosing Landscape Pros	22	23 **9 a.m. WPA*** Winter Garden
24 **1 p.m. WPA** Sundays at One Tour ❀	25 [?]	26 **6 p.m. CUH** Association for Women in Landscaping	27	28 **8 a.m.** Cell to Sell Tour **10:30 a.m. CUH*** NHS Lecture by Dan Hinkley **7 p.m. CUH*** Shrub Pruning	29	30 **9 a.m.*** Shrub Pruning
31 **1 p.m. WPA** Sundays at One Tour ❀						

February 1993

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1 p.m. WPA Sundays at One Tour ❀	1 **7:30 p.m. CUH** Iris Society [?]	2	3 **7 p.m. CUH*** Small Tree Pruning	4	5	6 **9 a.m. WPA*** Small Tree Pruning
7 **1 p.m. WPA** Sundays at One Tour ❀	8 **7 p.m. CUH** Orchid Society [?]	9 **7 p.m. CUH** Puget Sound Mycological Society	10 **7 p.m. CUH** Plant Amnesty **7 p.m. CUH** AF Preview Party **7:30 p.m. CUH*** Hooray for Hollywood	11 **9 a.m.** Northwest Flower & Garden Show **7 p.m. CUH** Rock Garden Society	12 **9 a.m.** Northwest Flower & Garden Show	13 **9 a.m.** Northwest Flower & Garden Show
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21 **1 p.m. WPA** Sundays at One Tour ❀	22 **1 p.m. CUH** Puget Sound Bonsai Association [?] **2 p.m. CUH** Cascade Cactus & Succulent Society **7 p.m.** Anatomy & Classification	23 **6 p.m. CUH** Association for Women in Landscaping **6:30 p.m. CUH** American Society of Landscape Architects	24 **7 p.m. CUH*** Anatomy & Classification	25 **7 p.m. CUH*** Fruit Tree Pruning **7:30 p.m. CUH*** NHS Lecture	26	27 **9 a.m. *** Fruit Tree Pruning
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March 1993

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	1 **7:30 p.m. CUH** Iris Society [?]	2	3	4	5	6 **9 a.m. CUH*** Herb Symposium **10 a.m.** Used Books Sale
7 **1 p.m. WPA** Sundays at One Tour ❀	8 **7 p.m. CUH** Orchid Society [?]	9 **7 p.m. CUH*** Conifer ID	10	11 **7 p.m. CUH** Rock Garden Society	12	13 **9 a.m. CUH*** Soils **9 a.m.*** Conifer ID
14 **1 p.m. WPA** Sundays at One Tour ❀	15 [?]	16	17 **7 p.m. CUH*** Wildlife Garden	18 **7:30 p.m. CUH*** Starting Seeds Indoors	19	20 **9 a.m. CUH*** Soils
21 **1 p.m. WPA** Sundays at One Tour ❀	22 **6 p.m. CUH** Puget Sound Bonsai Association [?]	23 **6:30 p.m. CUH*** Container Gardens **10:30 a.m. CUH*** NHS Lecture **6:30 p.m. CUH** American Society of Landscape Architects	24 **7 p.m. CUH*** Wildlife Garden	25	26	27 **9 a.m. CUH*** Perennial Garden
28 **1 p.m. WPA** Sundays at One Tour ❀	29 **7 p.m. CUH*** Everlasting Flowers	30	31 **7 p.m. CUH*** Everlasting Flowers			

CUH = Center for Urban Horticulture
WPA = Washington Park Arboretum
❀ = Master Gardener Clinic, Noon-4 p.m., WPA

HUB = Husky Union Building
* = Fee
[?] = Washington Garden Clinic, 4–8 p.m., CUH

PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES

No pre-registration is required for Public Lecture Series. Applicable fees are payable at the door. Lectures are held at the Center for Urban Horticulture unless otherwise noted.

Parking at CUH is in a University parking lot; students are responsible for their own $1.50 parking fees. Parking stickers can be purchased (quarters only) in the red ticket spitters at either end of the CUH parking lots.

PLANT ENTHUSIAST

Regional experts present in-depth lectures on specific plant groups.

UNUSUAL NATIVES WITH GARDEN PROMISE

January 13

7:30 to 8:30 p.m., CUH

$2, payable at the door

Salal and sword fern are native plants commonly and successfully used by area gardeners and designers. Many other Northwest natives demonstrate similar potential for use as beautiful and dependable garden plants. Clay Antieau discusses the propagation and cultivation of unusual native plants.

HOORAY FOR *HOLLY*WOOD!

February 10

7:30 to 8:30 p.m., CUH

$2, payable at the door

Hollies are reliable, elegant, versatile garden plants. Their red, yellow, white, or black berries provide splashes of color throughout the year. The elegant foliage which can be large or small, smooth or prickly, always provides interesting texture. Examine samples of many hollies as Virginia Morell discusses selection, culture and care.

PLANTS AND GARDENS OF THE WORLD

Unique combination of travelogue, plant examination and people/plant cultural information. Program fees include refreshments.

TOUR DES JARDINS DE NORMANDIE

January 18

7 to 8:30 p.m., CUH

$3, payable at the door

Join us for this photographic tour of Normandy's finest public and private gardens. Since 1066, when the Duke of Normandy invaded England, the areas of England and France bordering the English Channel have been tied politically, economically and horticulturally. Landscape Architect Betsy Fitzgerald discusses Claude Monet's Giverny, Princess Sturdaza's Woodland Vasterival and Le Bois des Mouties.

PLANT PALETTE

Combination classroom and field lecture providing in-depth information on Arboretum/Center plant collections.

URBAN SPOTLIGHT

February 20

9 to 11 a.m., CUH

$5, payable at the door

Plants for small urban gardens should be tough, versatile and provide interest throughout the year. Ground covers, grasses, herbaceous plants and small trees at the Center for Urban Horticulture illustrate the range of beautiful, functional plants that are suited to the Seattle area. Join Landscape Architect Iain Robertson, designer of the Center's gardens, for this slide presentation of the gardens throughout the seasons, and a walking tour highlighting winter interest in the gardens surrounding the Center.

MASTER GARDENER

Home gardening information for the general public, presented by Washington State University Master Gardeners.

CHOOSING A LANDSCAPE PROFESSIONAL

January 21

7:30 to 8:30 p.m., CUH

$2, payable at the door

Even do-it-yourselfers sometimes need the help of a professional. Suppose you need the services of a landscape professional- do you know where to look? What to ask? Master Gardener Kate Martin discusses how to organize your meeting with a landscape professional to insure that you get the results you want.

PRUNING THE OVERGROWN LANDSCAPE

February 18

7:30 to 8:30 p.m., CUH

$2, payable at the door

Are monster shrubs scratching your car and blocking your windows? Don't despair! Proper pruning can give mature, overgrown shrubs and trees a fresh look for spring. Cass Turnbull discusses tools and techniques for winter pruning of overgrown landscapes.

STARTING SEEDS INDOORS

March 18

7:30 to 8:30 p.m., CUH

$2, payable at the door

Save money! Sounds too good to be true, but it's not. You can do that and have better control over the varieties of plants you use by growing from seed. Master Gardeners demonstrate how to germinate seeds and produce sturdy, vigorous annuals and perennials for transplanting into your garden.

URBAN HORTICULTURE COURSES

Pre-registration is required for all CUH Courses and Tours.

Courses often fill early; spaces are allocated in the order that registration payments are received. Registrations are confirmed upon receipt of payment; confirmation letters include class location and suggested equipment or materials needed. If you do not receive a confirmation letter within a reasonable period of time, please contact the Public Education staff at CUH. Be advised that mail delivery within the University system often takes longer than anticipated.

Each course is offered only once, but may be conducted over several class periods on different days. Note DAYS & TIMES listings for individual courses.

Achievement program courses are asterisked, with explanations at the end of course listings.

PLANNING YOUR WINTER GARDEN

Enjoy fragrant flowers, colorful berries, uniquely patterned bark and other interesting features even in winter. This combination classroom lecture and stroll through the Arboretum's Winter Garden will enable you to select winter interest plants for your home landscape. Study placement and basic design considerations for planning your own winter garden.

Instructor: Micheal Moshier

Date & Time: January 23, 9 a.m. to Noon

Fee: $17

FROM CELL TO SELL:

Nursery Production Tour

January is a great time for a warm, indoor tour of two nursery operations. First, visit the tissue culture labs of Briggs Nursery, one of the largest wholesale growers in Puget Sound. Here you will learn how whole plants can be coaxed from a few cells as we examine micro-propagation and the transfer process from lab to nursery.

Then see how the process continues as we learn how tissue-cultured plants are grown for sale in a nursery setting. The greenhouses of Beall Orchids produce tropical orchids propagated by tissue culture techniques. And an added bonus-their tropical orchids will be near their flowering peak in January!

Tour Leader: Jenks Farmer

Date & Time: January 28, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Fee: $15, includes transportation, does not include lunch

SHRUB PRUNING BASICS*

Why, when, and how should you prune your evergreen and deciduous shrubs? Find out during this combination lecture and hands-on course. Learn how to successfully prune and train your home landscape shrubs.

Instructor: Ciscoe Morris

Date & Times: Two-part course; January 28, 7 to 9 p.m. and January 30, 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Fee: $25

SMALL TREE PRUNING*

Proper pruning and training keeps your trees healthier, safer and more attractive. Bad or ill-timed pruning can hasten their demise. Learn when and how to prune small landscape trees in this combination lecture and hands-on course.

Instructor: Lou Stubecki

Dates & Times: Two-part course; February 3, 7 to 8:30 p.m. and February 6, 9 to 11 a.m.

Fee: $23

PLANT ANATOMY & CLASSIFICATION**

Have you ever wondered what a plant was called or how it was related to other similar-looking plants? Studying the basics of plant anatomy you will gain an understanding of plant structure and learn to use this information to work with plant classification systems. Come enjoy this course in botany for gardeners!

Instructor: Dr. Art Kruckeberg

Dates & Times: Two-part course; February 22 & 24, 7 to 9 p.m. each night

Fee: $23

WINTER PRUNING OF FRUIT TREES

Pruning and training of fruit trees are two critical tasks that are often over-looked or poorly executed in the home garden. Learn the proper techniques of winter pruning and review summer pruning techniques during this combination lecture, hands-on course.

Instructor: Bess Bronstein

Dates & Times: Two-part course; February 25, 7 to 9:30 p.m. and February 27, 9 to 11 a.m.

Fee: $23

CONIFER ID***

Learn to begin to identify the wide variety of native and exotic conifers utilized in Northwest landscapes. This combination lecture and field trip will provide the opportunity to study the ornamental and landscape characteristics of over 50 conifer species.

Instructor: Dr. Art Kruckeberg

Dates & Times: Two-part course; March 9, 7 to 9 p.m. and March 13, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Fee: $35

SOILS & SOIL FERTILITY**

Any good plan works from the ground up! Gaining an understanding of soil science and soil fertility will make your garden management easier. Study soil composition and structure, nutrient availability, and pH relative to plant growth. Come prepared to ask questions!

Instructor: Sharon Buck

Dates & Times: Two-part course; March 13 & 20, 9 to 11:30 a.m. each day

Fee: $27

PLANNING YOUR WILDLIFE ATTRACTING GARDEN****

Understanding food, shelter and other needs of wildlife will allow you to design a home landscape that will attract and support your favorite Northwest critters. Emphasis will be on plant selection and placement, and conducting a garden wildlife-use survey.

Instructor: Constance Perenyi

Dates & Times: Two-part course; March 17 & 24, 7 to 9 p.m. each night

Fee: $23

PLANNING YOUR CONTAINER GARDEN

Limited space? Limited Time? Consider container gardening. Learn to design, plant and maintain a variety of ornamental container arrangements. Create gardens perfect for patios, balconies, and other small spaces.

Instructor: Karen Steeb

Date & Time: March 23, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Fee: $17

PERENNIAL GARDEN MAINTENANCE*****

A beautiful border or handsome bed requires well-timed attention. Study and practise such perennial garden maintenance tasks as site preparation, planting, mulching, dividing, pruning and staking in this combination lecture and hands-on course.

Instructor: Lynda Ransley

Date & Time: March 27, 9 a.m. to Noon

Fee: $17

PLANNING YOUR EVERLASTING FLOWER GARDEN

Everlasting flowers provide both beauty in the garden setting and enjoyment in the home after the season has ended. Enjoy these beautiful blooms by designing your own everlasting garden bed; emphasis will be on plant selection, placement and care.

Instructor: Diane O'Neill

Dates & Times: Two-part course; March 29 & 31, 7 to 9 p.m. each night

Fee: $21

** Course also qualifies for Woody Plant Management category of Achievement Program*

*** Course qualifies for Plant Science category of Achievement Program*

**** Course also qualifies for Woody Plants category of Achievement Program*

***** Course also qualifies for Special Topics category of Achievement Program*

****** Course qualifies for Herbaceous Plants category of Achievement Program*

ARBORETUM FOUNDATION NEWS

Call the Arboretum Foundation office at 325-4510 for further information about:

USED BOOK SALE will be held at WPA on March 6, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Great opportunity to pick up some popular and unusual items!

PREVIEW PARTY! The AF will host a Northwest Flower and Garden Show Preview Party the evening of February 10. Come and see the display gardens before the general public!

Next time you're in GVC, be sure to say hello to Pamela Houghton, the new Executive Secretary serving the Arboretum Foundation.

NORTHWEST HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY NEWS

Call the NHS office at 527-1794 for information on any of the following events.

The following Winter Lectures are being offered by NHS: "Late Winter\Early Spring Interest in the Garden", by Dan Hinkley, Co-owner Heronswood Nursery and Instructor at Edmonds Community College, January 28, 10:30 a.m.; "What Makes a Garden Great", by Allen Paterson, Director, Royal Botanic Gardens of Hamilton, Ontario, February 25, 7:30 p.m.; "Golden Age of American Gardens", by Mac Griswald, New York City author & lecturer,, March 23, 10:30 a.m. All NHS lectures to be held in NHS Hall at the Center. Fees for all events are $5 for members, $10 for non-members.

ARBORETUM NEWS

The Washington Park Arboretum is a living museum of woody plants for research, education, conservation, and display.

Call the Washington Park Arboretum at 543-8800 for information on any of the following events:

GRAHAM VISITORS CENTER (GVC) and the Arboretum Foundation Gift Shop are open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and from Noon to 4 p.m. on weekends.

SUNDAYS AT ONE (1 p.m.) Arboretum guides lead FREE tours every Sunday highlighting plants of seasonal interest. Departs from Graham Visitors Center (GVC).

MASTER GARDENERS from Washington State University will be at the GVC every Sunday from Noon to 4 p.m. to answer your gardening questions.

SPECIAL TOURS for school classes, garden clubs and other interested groups can be arranged with three weeks' advance notice.

HERBAL RENAISSANCE

CUH's 2nd Herb Symposium

How could such sweet and wholesome hours
Be reckoned but with herbs and flowers?

Saturday, March 6, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
$45, herbal buffet lunch included

PRESENTATIONS INCLUDE:

ENGLISH HERB GARDENS

GUY COOPER is a partner in the London firm of Cooper and Taylor Landscape Designers. An herb grower himself, he was director of The Herb Society (of Great Britain) from 1979 to 1986. He has authored numerous articles on herbs, and served as editor for the quarterly magazine, *The Herbal Review*. He is also author of the book *English Herb Gardens*. Guy will present a slide lecture documenting the wide range of sizes and styles of herb gardens in England.

MEDICINAL HERBS FOR THE HOME GARDEN

JAN GAGNON, N.D. and DR. RON HOBBS, N.D. will co-present this informative look at popular and unusual medicinal herbs you can grow and use at home. Jan Gagnon, a naturopathic physician, serves as the volunteer coordinator for the Friends of the Medicinal Herb Garden (which is located on the UW campus). Ron Hobbs is a naturopathic physician and instructor at Bastyr College in Seattle.

PROPAGATING HERBS AT HOME

JANICE PELTIER is owner/manager of Herban Renewal, a herb nursery and design business in Seattle. Janice will discuss and demonstrate timing, tools and techniques for propagating unusual or hard-to-start herbs at home.

LANDSCAPE SOLUTIONS USING HERBS

ROBERT NELSON is the retail manager at Earlington Greenhouses in Renton, and an experienced herb grower and designer. Robert will discuss ways of incorporating low water use herbs, particularly culinary herbs, into the home landscape. He will discuss specific herbs for use in providing form, color, and texture to your garden and suggest planting combinations.

DESERT IN BLOOM TOUR

PLANTS AND GARDENS OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA

DATES: APRIL 17-23; ENROLLMENT DEADLINE IS MARCH 10, TOUR SIZE IS LIMITED.

Join us for this unforgettable tour of Southern Arizona! Experience and study the Sonoran Desert in spectacular bloom. Visit unique public gardens, historical National Monuments, informative museums, and hike and explore incredible countryside. CUH staff coordinate this seven day journey scheduled for April 17-23, 1993.

In the Tucson area, visits include: Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum- an exciting collection of the plants, animals and geology of the Sonoran Desert; Saguaro National Monument and Visitors Center; Tucson Botanical Gardens, featuring display and demonstration gardens and the Native Seeds/SEARCH Garden; Tohona Chul Park, with its demonstration gardens, unique collections, and greenhouses. In the Phoenix area visit: Boyce Thompson Southwestern Arboretum and their extensive collections of dry climate trees, shrubs and native flora; Desert Botanical Garden, with collections from all arid regions of the world displayed in a natural desert setting.

Other exciting activities will include: wildflower hike in the mountains; tour of the Heard Museum (exhibits detailing Southwest cultural history); tour Pueblo Grande Museum (exhibits from Hohokam ruins); guided tour of Biosphere II- the controversial attempt to create a completely self-sustaining ecosystem; shopping/dining excursion to Nogales, Mexico; farewell barbecue dinner and entertainment in the Old West tradition; stop at Casa Grande Ruins National Monument, and a first night lecture entitled "Introduction to Desert Botany" to get us started!

Join us and experience the surprisingly lush, exotic displays of the desert in bloom! For the specific itinerary, costs, and other information, call the Center at 685-8033

REGISTRATION FORM

Urban Horticulture Courses

COURSE	FEE	STUDENT NAME(S)	TOTAL
			$

CHECK ENCLOSED FOR $_____

Checks payable to University of Washington. No bank cards. Registrations filled in order received. Limited class enrollment; classes fill rapidly, so register early. Portion of fee may cover refreshments and speaker expenses.

Refunds: Requests must be in writing or in person. Requests received 7 days or less from first class meeting have a $3.00 handling fee deducted. No refunds after the first class meeting.

NAME _____ Phone: Day_____ Evening_____

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Mail payment and registration to:
Urban Horticulture Courses, GF-15
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Seattle, Washington 98195

A Gift of Learning: Give a gift certificate in the amount of one of the courses. Call 685-8033 for details.

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UNIVERSITY BROWN BAG GARDEN TALKS

General interest gardening talks and walks for **University faculty, staff, students** held the first and third Wednesdays of each month. *Held 12:10 to 12:50 p.m., in HUB, room 304, UW campus, unless otherwise noted. FREE.*

January 6:
GARDENING WORDS OF WISDOM

From obscure photocopied newsletters to famous glossy magazines - there are thousands of garden publications. Discover which garden periodicals are best for you. Laura Lipton of the Miller Horticultural Library discusses the range, cost and quality of garden periodicals.

January 20:
URBAN WETLANDS

Wetlands are important ecosystems which provide habitat to specialized plants and animals. Human activities like construction and gardening can negatively impact urban wetlands. Mark Rains discusses stresses, degradation and conservation measures relative to urban wetlands.

February 3:
SELECTING A SMALL TREE

Considering a small tree for your garden or container? Just how small- or rather, how big will these trees ultimately grow? Lynda Ransley shares slides of small flowering trees in the Washington Park Arboretum as she discusses selection, culture and ultimate size.

February 17:
TROPICAL ALTERNATIVE

Biological insecticides are now a standard part of garden care. Learn about a newly available insecticide being produced from the Indian Neem tree. Peace Corps volunteer Marya Nowakowski discusses her work on a Neem production plantation and reforestation project in the Dominican Republic.

March 3:
MEDICINAL HERB GARDEN

The UW's Medicinal Herb Garden is a favorite site for summertime Brown Bag walks- but the garden has a purpose of its own! Jan Gagnon presents slides throughout the seasons of the garden and discusses the mission, history and educational opportunities available through the Friends of the Medicinal Herb Garden.

March 17:
EXOTIC PLANTS ON THE OLYMPIC PENINSULA

Meet in Anderson Hall (College of Forest Resources), Room 22

Exotics, plants that are introduced from other areas, often compete with or displace native species. Exotics can interfere with an ecosystem in many ways. Collette DeFerrari discusses landscape problems caused by exotic plants on the Olympic Peninsula.

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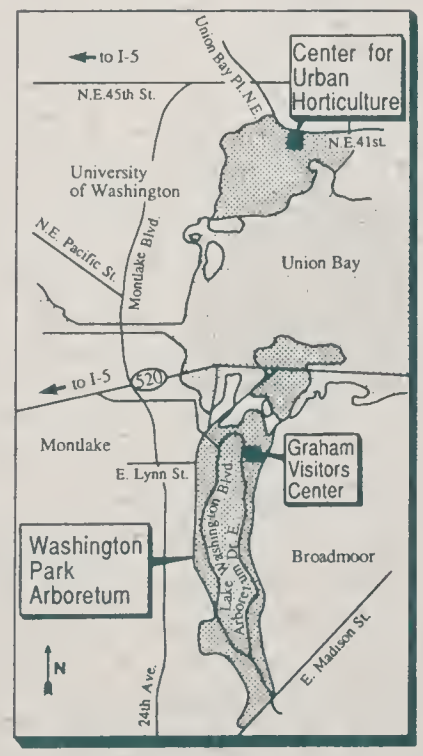
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